



**AND IT
WAS GOOD!**

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In the beginning, God made everything. He looked and saw that it was good —but wait!



Something was missing!

And the LORD God said,

It is not good that the man should be alone;

I will make him an help meet* for him.**

*Helper who is just right.

**Gen. 2:18

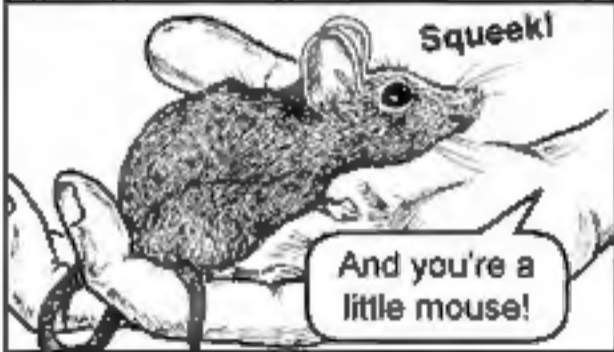
God wanted a helper who was just right for Adam.
So He gave him an object lesson.

“And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air;”



Then, God paraded them before Adam:

“...and brought *them* unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.” Genesis 2:19



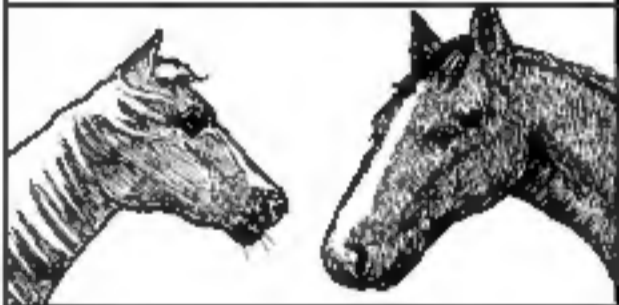
Would Adam find a helper from the animals that was “just right” (meet)?

When the hen came by, she had her rooster as her mate.



Nope, that wasn't a helper that was "just right" (meet).

When the mare came by, Adam saw that she could "help" him a great deal. She could carry Adam and help him pull loads.



But she had her stallion. And anyway, she wasn't "meet" for Adam.

Then the apes came by.

Hey, did she just wink at him?



She looked a *little* like him. But that was all they had in common. She was an ape.

She wasn't like the man *at all*. She would *never* be "just right" for Adam.



Besides, she had her own "big ape." Adam kept looking.

It seemed hopeless. All the female animals had their male partners.

“And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air,
and to every beast of the field;



but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.” Genesis 2:20

Adam understood the object lesson. Now God went into action.

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"And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam... and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;



And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man." Genesis 2:21-22

Adam was overjoyed!



I'm calling you, "Eve"!

Note that God brought Eve, not Steve.



Adam didn't need someone exactly the same.



He needed a helper who was "meet" (just right) for him.

"And Adam said...

This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman,

because she was taken out of Man.

Bye, Mom and Dad! I'm getting married!

Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.*"

To be "one flesh," the man needed a woman as his wife. And it was good. Anything else is not good.

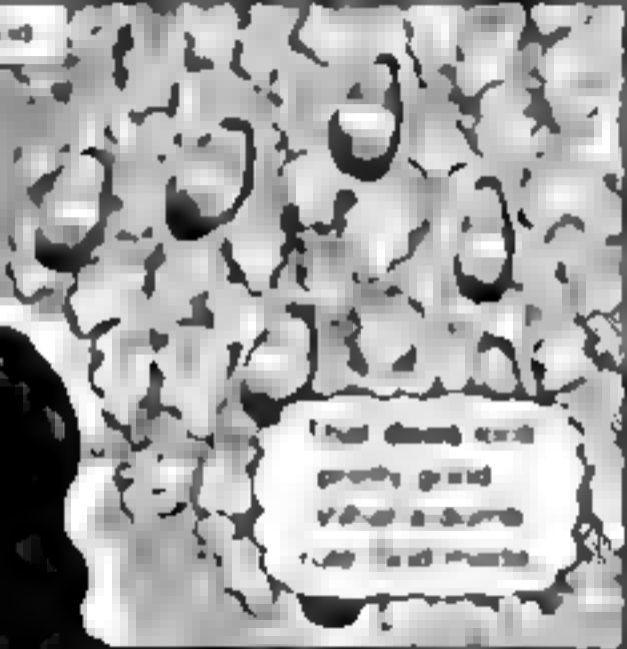
*Genesis 2:23-24

Life was easy. Food was everywhere, ripe for the picking. There was just one rule.

Thou shalt not eat from this tree.



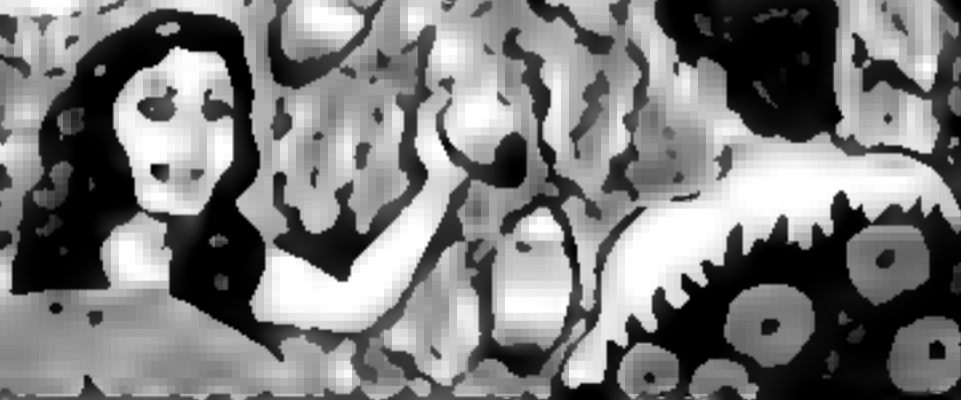
It's a very nice day today.



That's a very nice day today.

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And as punishment, they were kicked out of the Garden of Eden.



Now, life was tough. They had to work to get their food, and they had to live and die away from God's presence (See Gen 3:17)

And even the day after the New Year's Eve party, I'm still

in a New Year's mood. I'm still in a New Year's mood.



I've got this idea of a New Year's Eve party, but I'm still in a New Year's mood.

God told us from the beginning that the punishment for sin is death

But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil thou shalt not eat of it
for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die (Genesis 2:17)



For the wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23)

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God still loved us and made a way for us to get back together with Him
He sent His only begotten Son to become a man and live a perfect life



Then God's Son did the unthinkable



THE GREAT EASTERN WALL



Jesus, God's Son, shed His precious blood on the cross when He died to take our punishment for our sins.



“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

John 3:16

He died, was buried, and rose again three days later.
He paid the price, and gave us the way back to God.

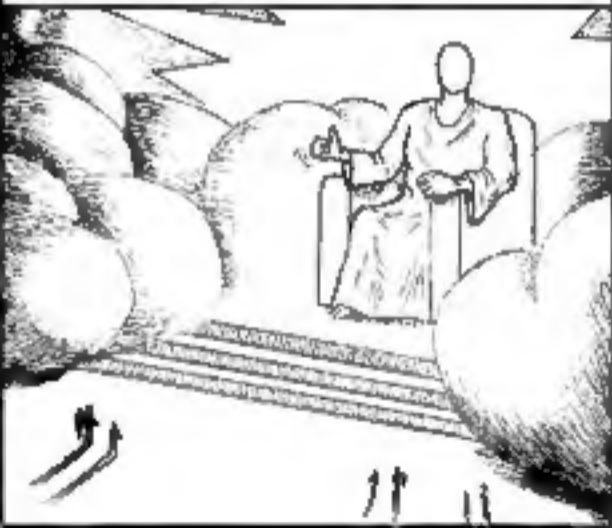
If you believe that Jesus died for you, and ask Him to forgive your sin,
He will! And He will give you the only peace and joy in this life.



“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away;
behold, all things are become new.” 2 Corinthians 5:17

And when you die...

You will stand before God's Son to be judged. And He will say to you,



Well done.

And He will welcome you
into Heaven.

THE BIBLE SAYS THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO HEAVEN!

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

NOBODY ELSE CAN SAVE YOU. TRUST JESUS TODAY!

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10:9

1. Admit you are a sinner. See Romans 3:10
2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent). See Acts 17:30
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried and rose from the dead. See Rom. 10:9-10
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your heart to become your personal Saviour. See Rom. 10:13

WHAT TO PRAY

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His precious blood and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart as my personal Saviour.

If you trusted Jesus as your Saviour, you have just begun a wonderful new life with Him. Now:

1. Read your Bible (KJV) every day to get to know Jesus Christ better.
2. Talk to God in prayer every day.
3. Be baptized, worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where Christ is preached and the Bible is the final authority.
4. Tell others about Jesus Christ.

Here's help to grow as a new Christian! Read *The Next Step*, available at www.chick.com.

